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RE: Field Inspection, Geneva Steel Corporation, Iron Mountain Mine, M/021/008, Iron County, Utah

Holland Shepherd and I visited the Iron Mountain mine site on July 8, 1988 to verify the extent and success of reclamation work that had been performed Geneva Steel Corporation. Mr. Roy Benson, of Geneva Steel and Mr. Levoy Woolsey met us onsite. We toured the active crushing and loadout operations at the Iron Mountain Napoleon claim area. There is presently a 650,000 ton stockpile of iron ore which is being processed and loaded out by rail to the steel plant in Orem, Utah. Geneva Steel has conducted limited mining of the Comstock Pit (owned by C F & I), on and off over the past 3 years.

Mr. Benson stated that there is still @1,000,000 tons of mineable iron ore reserve in the bottom of the Mountain Lion Pit which is currently submerge under 25 feet of water. If the Pit were expanded laterally, there is still @9,000,000 tons of ore reserves available.

The operator has been slowly depleting their rejected waste material stockpile through use as a road base material. The county has also been removing this material on a limited basis for similar uses. Over the long term, this should help relieve the operator of some of his reclamation obligation for this site.

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